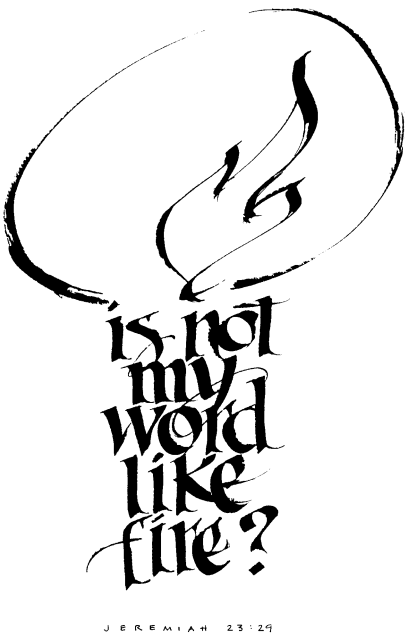


# Foothills Lutheran Church

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**Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 9:30 am-1:00 pm.**

*“Connecting People with Christ through Worship, Relationships & Service”*



## *The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost* *August 17, 2025*

Education Hour.....9:00 am  
Morning Worship.....10:15 am

**Pastor Emeritus & Vacancy Pastor:** David Bode – [flcpastor@foothillslutheran.com](mailto:flcpastor@foothillslutheran.com)  
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**Office Administrator:** Amber Myers – [office@foothillslutheran.com](mailto:office@foothillslutheran.com)  
**Pastor Emeritus:** Rev. Eldon Ohlinger

**A Prayer Upon Entering:** Kindle in us the fire of faith. May it burn through any doubts or worries we may have, so that they may be obliterated. May it keep us warm in the midst of the coldness of this world.

*Light of our lives, keep shining in and around us.*

**OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

- ORDER OF SERVICE:** ..... Devine Service Setting Three, p. 184  
**HYMNS:** ..... 813; 655; 671; 949; 625; 580; 583  
**FIRST LESSON:**..... Jeremiah 23:16-29  
**EPISTLE LESSON:**..... Hebrews 11:17-40; 12:1-3  
**GOSPEL LESSON:**..... Luke 12:49-56  
**SERMON:** ..... *Don't Take It Too Literally - Revelation 20:1-6*

**A JOYOUS WELCOME** to all who worship here this morning. May you find forgiveness and strengthening through God's Word and promise. If you are visiting, please honour us by signing our guest book at the back of the church. If there is any way we can be of service to you, please speak to the pastor or one of the elders. If you have no church home of your own, please consider making Foothills your church.

**WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION TODAY** as our Lord offers us His true body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. By partaking of this Sacrament together, we confess our unity in faith and are drawn closer to one another and to the Lord. If you are a visitor, not belonging to the Lutheran Church-Canada, and wish to commune, please speak with the pastor before the service.

**A NOTE ABOUT OUR OFFERINGS:** We are blessed through the faithful stewardship of God's people. Many of our members have chosen to give their gifts either through pre-authorized payments or by e-transfer. If you wish to give your gifts to the Lord by e-transfer, you can do it through your online account. The transfer address is: [financials@foothillslutheran.com](mailto:financials@foothillslutheran.com).



**THE FLOWERS** upon the altar are given to the glory of God and to beautify the church by Ingrid Kubke.

**SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY**

- Organist..... Deaconess Miriam Winstanley  
Ushers..... Brian & Barb Vincent  
Lector ..... Diane Voss  
Communion Assistants..... Trevor Heumann; Robert Kubke  
AV/PowerPoint Operators..... Ralf Hinterleitner; Evan Stene

**LAST WEEK AT FLC**

*Includes online participation*

Week of	Sunday
August 10	100

**THIS WEEK AT FLC**

<b>Today</b>	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study
	10:15 am	Sunday Worship with Holy Communion Note: No coffee hour
<b>Thursday</b>	2:00 pm	Funeral of Bruce Hamilton
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study
	10:15 am	Sunday Worship
		Mustard Seed Presentation Coffee Hour

**IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:**

*In Hospital:*

*Homebound:*

*For Special Intercession:*

*Family Focus:*

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR:** (August 24) "**Gideon, the Farmer General**" Guest Speaker: Dr. Oswald Hoffmann recounts the story of Gideon, an unlikely military leader. (Judges 6:1-8:27). Hear this inspirational message on CHRB 1140 AM at 8:00 or CJLI-The Light-700 AM at 9:30 Sunday mornings, at [www.lutheranhour.ca](http://www.lutheranhour.ca), or download the Lutheran Hour App.

**CALL UPDATE:** Pastor Pearce and his wife Margaret visited Calgary at the end of July. He has promised that he will give us an answer as soon as possible. Continue to pray for God’s will to be done; for His guidance for Pastor Pearce and his family; and for his congregation, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, in Adelaide.

**OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD’S GIFTS**

Weekly Offering Needs	\$7,692.31	<b>Our Budget Goal</b>
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$3,560.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$210,636.05	<b>+/- YTD</b>
<b>Total Offerings Needed to Date</b>	<b>\$246,153.85</b>	<b>-\$35,517.80</b>

**Non-Budget/Miscellaneous Gifts:** Plate Offerings 185.00; Visitor Offerings 150.00; FLSR 480.00; CLWR 80.00; Concordia Seminary 80.00; Mustard Seed 10.00; Fellowship Recoveries 31.80.

**A FAMILY WITH A BABY ON THE WAY:** One of our families is expecting their first baby in September and there are some necessities like a car seat and crib that are needed. Please prayerfully consider providing a cash gift towards making the purchases of these items possible. You can drop off your gift money to Amber in the church office. There is also a baby card for you to sign if you wish to do so. We hope to purchase these items by the end of August so dropping off your gift in the office by **August 17** would be appreciated.



**REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP UPDATE:** At our January voters’ meeting the congregation voted to support the Rahmani family (who attend our church) in bringing over the rest of their family members who are in a region where Christians are being persecuted. This support involves providing backstop funding of \$60,000.00 that can be used by the family to support them during their first year in Canada. If it isn’t needed by the family, it is returned to the church after one year. It is a requirement of the government that this funding be in place as part of the application for refugee status. We have been waiting for the government to finalize their refugee numbers and they have finally done that. Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR) will now be applying for four members of the Rahmani family to immigrate to Canada, and Foothills has provided \$62,000.00 to the CLWR trust fund to support the application. The \$62,000.00 will come from approximately \$20,000.00 that our members have contributed to our Refugee Fund and will be topped up by roughly \$42,000.00 from our church savings. Over time, the plan is to replace this \$42,000.00 with member donations to the Refugee Fund. If you want to support the Rahmani family’s immigration to Canada, please donate to the Refugee Fund, as over time we would like to replace the \$42,000.00 from church savings. It will take at least a year and possibly two before they can immigrate to Canada, but praise God that the process has started and please pray for the Rahmani family as they are still in a dangerous area where Christians are being persecuted during this time.

**MISSION OF THE MONTH:  
THE MUSTARD SEED**

The Mustard Seed is a Christian non-profit organization that has been caring for individuals experiencing homelessness and poverty since 1984. Operating in seven cities across Western Canada, The Mustard Seed is a supportive haven where people can have their physical, mental, and spiritual needs met and grow toward greater health and independence. Programs and services include basic needs – emergency shelter, meals, clothing, and hygiene items, health and wellness, housing, employment, spiritual care, community engagement, community impact centres.

**KEEP THE DATE – AUGUST 24, AFTER SERVICE:** Mr. James Gardiner, CEO of the Mustard Seed, Calgary, will be giving a presentation in the fellowship hall about all the great opportunities that the Mustard Seed is involved in. There will be sandwiches and sweets, so please stay and hear about all that the Seed is doing to help individuals break free from the cycle of poverty and homelessness. More information is coming and will be posted on the Human Care bulletin board.

**MISSION PRAYER:** This week, we pray for **Rev. Silvio Modesto Sánchez Osaba** who serves as pastor for the Lutheran Church Nueva Jerusalem in the Villa 15 de Julio community in Nicaragua. **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Pastor Osaba, asking You to sustain him by Your Spirit and bless his labours for the sake of the Gospel; Lord in Your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**



**TRAVELLING THIS SUMMER?** Scripture reminds us not to neglect to gather together with our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. Our family in Christ can be found all over the world! If you are travelling in Canada, you can find LCC congregations at <https://www.lutheranchurchcanada.ca/find/>. Pastor Bode and Deaconess Miriam love to see bulletins from other congregations – please bring one back for us!

**WE'LL SOON BE PLANNING OUR FALL CONFIRMATION PROGRAM,** preparing to welcome those students who will begin their time of deeper study into the Scriptures and the Catechism. We all are to be students of the Word, that we may know and rejoice in the blessings God gives us as His people. If you believe your child should be in Confirmation, speak to the pastor or Deaconess Miriam.

***THE SUMMER GOES BY SO QUICKLY!*** Before we know it, we will be back to our regular fall schedule. Various Bible studies such as LifeLight will begin, as will Sunday School. Watch for an update regarding our Men's Breakfast. Of course, Sunday School, Youth Bible Study and Confirmation begins Sunday, **September 7<sup>th</sup>**! Sunday School begins at 9:00 am with opening being held downstairs. Watch your bulletin and newsletter for more information on classes, meetings and the 'regular' activities of our congregation.

***AS STUDENTS PREPARE TO RETURN TO UNIVERSITY*** it is a good time to remind you of our *Policy for Student Parking*. We have established the following guidelines, and application forms are available through the office.

- A Priority Qualified Student ("PQS") is allowed a parking space at no charge. A PQS is a student attending the University of Calgary who is an active, communicant member of the church. (They attend and commune regularly.)
- A Qualified Student ("QS") is a student that is a member of Foothills Lutheran Church who is not active; however, their parents or grandparents are active as described above. A qualified student will be granted parking privileges at half the public rate (\$200.00 per semester).
- Remaining spaces (there is a limit of 32 available in total) will be rented to those who apply, at a cost of \$400.00 per semester.

If you know of someone who may be interested in parking here at the church, please share this information with them. Spaces are available on a first come first served basis.

***WE REJOICE WITH THE MEMBERS OF GRACE LUTHERAN, DRUMHELLER*** as their new pastor, Rev. Martin Jagnow, was ordained and installed on Wednesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>. We pray for God's blessings on pastor and people, as they work and serve together in the name of the Lord.

***CHILDREN'S CHOIR*** will resume in September. Children age 4-10 meet twice monthly to learn God's Word through song. If you are interested in having your children participate, please contact Deaconess Miriam for more details.



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August 14 and August 20



## CONVERSATIONS

*Share your highs and lows, or respond to the following:*

1. Hebrews 11 lists people of faith who encourage us by the way they have trusted God. Who or what encourages you in your faith?
2. Share how you can encourage other Christians.



## BIBLE READINGS

*Read the following Bible readings throughout this week.  
Talk about what words or phrases stand out for you.*

<b>S</b>	<b>Luke 12:49-56</b>	Jesus the cause of division
<b>M</b>	<b>Isaiah 5: 1-7</b>	Song about the Lord's vineyard
<b>T</b>	<b>Hebrews 11:29 - 12:2</b>	God's discipline proves his love
<b>W</b>	<b>Acts 14:1-7</b>	Division at Iconium
<b>T</b>	<b>1 Corinthians 1:10-17</b>	Paul writes about division
<b>F</b>	<b>Hebrews 10:23-28,35-38</b>	Persevere in the Lord
<b>S</b>	<b>Psalm 82</b>	Faithfully proclaim my every word

## VERSE OF THE WEEK

*We do this by keeping our eyes on  
Jesus, the champion who initiates  
and perfects our faith.*

HEBREWS 12:2A





## CREATIVE RESPONSE

Hebrews 12:1 encourages us to “get rid of everything that slows us down” from following Jesus.

Place a stone or rock on your table to symbolise things in your lives that keep you from living and acting the way Jesus wants you to (e.g. being rude or nasty to each other, lying about something we did or did not do, taking something that doesn't belong to us, not helping others).

Pass the rock around, with each person sharing something they would like to say sorry to God for. When each person has had a turn, say the following prayer.

***Dear Jesus, please forgive us for those times when we don't follow you. Help us to fight against sin and to keep our eyes on you. Amen.***

Then throw the rock away to symbolise God's removal of our sins through Christ.



## ACTION RESPONSE

Hebrews 12: 1 speaks of Christians being surrounded by “a great cloud of witnesses.” In your home devotion times this week, consider those people who have been faith witnesses to members of your household.

Write their names down on pieces of white card and cut into cloud shapes. Make a mobile (you could use a coat hanger as a frame) to hang in your home as a reminder of these people. Thank God for them in your home prayer times.



## MEALTIME PRAYER

Lord, with food you feed us and with love you lead us.  
Thank you for giving all we need for living.  
Amen.



## PRAYER

Lord Jesus,  
please help us to trust in you when times are hard.  
Keep us from falling away from you. Amen.



## BLESSING

May the Holy Spirit keep your eyes fixed on Jesus.